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PRESS RELEASE**

**THE MOZART QUESTION – MICHAEL MORPURGO
7pm, 9 June 2009**

**Performed by Andrew Bridgmont
Directed by Julia McShane
Adapted by Simon Reade**

Scamp Theatre perform their brand new dramatisation of Michael Morpurgo's **The Mozart Question** at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Tuesday 9th June.

When Lesley is sent to Venice to interview world-renowned violinist Paulo Levi on his fiftieth birthday, she cannot believe her luck. She is told that she can ask him anything at all - except the Mozart question. But it is Paulo himself who decides that it is time for the truth to be told. And so follows the story of his parents as Jewish prisoners of war, forced to play Mozart violin concertos for the enemy; how they watched fellow Jews being led off to their deaths and knew that they were playing for their lives. As the story unfolds, the journalist begins to understand the full horror of war, and how one group of musicians survived using the only weapon they had - music.

*'I'm thrilled to bits. I just think that the quality of what Scamp do is amazing' Michael Morpurgo,
(Independent 06.08.08)*

From the team behind *Private Peaceful*, Scamp Theatre's brand new dramatisation of another of Michael Morpurgo's extraordinary stories takes us from the beauty of Venice to the horrors of the Nazi gas chambers in a tale that will move and inspire both young and old. A wonderful and poignant piece performed by actor/violinist Andrew Bridgmont.

*'Don't Miss' Independent
* * * * Daily Mail
* * * * British Theatre Guide
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'A beautiful, fascinating and powerfully told story' * * * * Herald
* * * * Fringereview*

This show is not suitable for children under 8 years. There will be a FREE post-show discussion. Tickets for this production are £7 (£6) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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